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SUBJ: NEAFC MEETING LISBON - PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION
OF THE FUTURE OF NEAFC

1. ON OPENING DAY OF THE CURRENT MEETING THE NORWEGIAN
DELEGATE PROPOSED AN AGENDA ITEM BE ADDED TO DISCUSS THE
FUTURE OF NEAFC. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT NORWAY IS CURRENTLY
PREPARING ITSELF FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS LIMITS AND HAS BEEN
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CONDUCTING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THOSE AFFECTED COUN-

TRIES, NORWAY FEELS A REVISION OF THE NEAFC CONVENTION IS NECESSARY, WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES. TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING THE NECESSARY CHANGES, THE GON GAVE NOTICE TO WITHDRAW FROM NEAFC IN 12 MONTHS. HOWEVER, SUCH NOTICE WOULD BE REVOKED IF SATISFACTORY AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION CAN BE AGREED TO.

2. THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION THEN SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE EC AND THOSE MEMBER STATES PRESENT, SUGGESTING GOOD FISHERY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZING IMPENDING CHANGES IN JURISDICTION WITH THEIR FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES. THE DUTCH DELEGATE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE EC WAS CURRENTLY REAPPRAISING ITS COMMON FISHERIES POLICY, WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY NOT ONLY AFFECT THE ARRANGEMENTS TO APPLY TO WATERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES, BUT ALSO THE APPROACH TO BE ADOPTED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. AS THIS APPRAISAL IS NOT YET COMPLETE, THE EC WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEAFC SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIO THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR 1977 CANNOT BE ENVISAGED UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS IN PRECEDING YEARS AND ANY MEASURE AGREED SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS TRANSITIONAL.

3. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND DAY'S MEETING THE DELEGATE OF THE GDR REJECTED A DISCUSSION OF EXTENDED JURISDICTION SAYING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT GAVE HIM INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCUSS ONLY QUOTAS AND NOT ANY CHANGE IN THE NEAFC ORGANIZATION, AT LEAST NOT UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE. THE UK DELEGATE THEN SUGGESTED FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP WHICH COULD MEET IN LONDON AFTER THE UPCOMING LOS SUMMER SESSION TO DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHANGES IN NEAFC, FOR THEIR PRESENTATION TO THE MID-TERM MEETING OF THE NEAFC COMMISSION IN NOVEMBER. THE COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING GROUP IS AS FOLLOWS: CHAIRMAN OF NEAFC, FRG, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UK, USSR AND ICES.
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